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The Washington Post says, that "by hissing the name of Stonewall Jackson the Virginia Republicans will make as much progress as the people who set out to catch flies with vinegar bait."

General Fitzhugh Lee took the oath of office as United States Consul-General at Havana in Richmond on Wednesday. He will get final instructions from President Cleveland this week and leave for Havana next week.

The letter of Senator Daniel published in this issue will be read with interest by our people as does everything which emanates from him but as heartily as they, for the most part, concur with him in his views on the silver question, the unit vote will not strike them as exactly the correct thing. Their sense of fairness teaches them that it is not right for those who happen to be in the majority to say to the minority, that they shall have no voice in the councils of the party. It may be another instance of the "tail wagging the dog," perhaps, for the minority to have a voice in the Staunton Convention, but it is better that it should be so, than that the prospects of Democratic success in the next election should be put seriously in peril, as it would likely be, by a different course.

The Republicans of Virginia seem to favor Gen. James A. Walker as their candidate for Governor, and it goes without saying, as he left the Democratic party because he could not get the nomination for the position from that party that he will accept it from the Republicans. General Walker, in fact, is so fond of the "loaves and fishes" that he can be counted upon as being "in the hands of his friends" every time when they have anything to offer him. He will accept the nomination, of course, and some idea of such a candidate, as he will be, may be inferred from the stand taken by him in the Thorpe-McKinney contest. The Democrats of the State did not have as good opinion of him as he did of himself, and he has not quite forgiven them for their lack of appreciation of his merits. They cannot think any better of him now and when the vote for Governor is counted, he will probably be convinced, that their opinion of him has not improved.

The Court of Appeals of Virginia has passed upon the constitutionality of the Maupin anti-gambling act and upholds it in all of its material features. The only objection sustained by the court, which was raised by the counsel for the prisoner, Richard M. Lacey, arrested for violating the law, was, that the Justice should have fixed the punishment, instead of committing the man for trial by the county court. Of course, it is a matter of no consequence that Lacey was released, because of the mistake designated. The case was made up to test the constitutionality of the act and to determine "whether the States have the right to exercise their police power for the protection of morals and the preservation of good order." The question being answered by the court in the affirmative, nothing more was expected or desired, by those who wanted the form of gambling known as pool-selling prohibited. The case being a test one, Lacey, we presume, would have been released in any event.

The publishers of the Baltimore Sun, as indicated by the article below, have not a very good opinion of Virginia Republicans, and having of late been in close relationship with Republicans of the same kind in "My Maryland" doubtless saw enough of their "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" to speak by authority. The reflections of our contemporary, whatever its sources of information, will be accepted as in the main correct and are suggestive of the fight we have on our hands in the next Presidential contest, and the necessity for acting with discretion when our own convention meets.

The State convention of the Virginia Republicans ignored the money issue altogether and thereby confessed its lack of courage to make an explicit declaration in favor either of sound money or of the free coinage of silver. As the convention endorsed McKinley and the plundering tariff system which he represents, it is strange that it did not at least go as far as the Ohio man and straddle the financial issue. But there is little principle or consistency in Virginia Republicanism. If the national convention shall adopt a straight gold standard platform, the Republican leaders and spellbinders in the Old Dominion will continue to advocate free coinage in every congressional district in which the silver sentiment predominates, while in those districts in which the voters appear to prefer sound money they will claim that the Republican party stands for all that is safest and best in financial legislation. It is this lack of fixed principles which makes Southern Republicanism absolutely unreliable and unworthy of confidence or respect. While the leaders of the party in Virginia have ignored the most important question before the people, they will not derive any benefit from their policy of evasion. It is better to be outspoken at all times, even in advocacy of a bad cause.

Daniel on Silver.

The following open letter from Senator John W. Daniel to Mr. W. O. Hardaway, of Roanoke, in answer to an invitation to the Senator to address to Roanoke silver Democrats explains itself.

Washington, D. C., April 23, '96. W. O. Hardaway, Esq., Roanoke, Va.: My Dear Sir—Permit me to express my acknowledgments and thanks for your esteemed favor inviting me to address to the silver Democrats of Roanoke to address them on the 2d of May next.

In these closing days of Congress, with appropriation bills pressing for consideration, I doubt if it will be possible for me to be with you upon that occasion; but it has long been my conviction that a return to the bimetallic system which so long prevailed in this country is necessary to the prosperity of our people, and I would, therefore, be pleased to address the meeting if it were practicable to do so.

If the negative prophecies, the annual public debt, the paralyzed industries, the revenue deficits, the commercial failures, the increased taxes, and the falling prices of land, produce, and labor which have followed upon the gold standard, are to be adopted in company with the Republicans, if these experiences of the last three years have not opened the eyes of the people to the folly of their action, it is necessary to destroy their constitutional money, it would seem vain to argue the matter. Some seem to imagine that the question whether or not we shall have the free coinage of silver is a question of 1873 comprehends the financial issues we have to deal with, and I do not think it is generally appreciated that the silver question is the pivot of public debt, and the whole scheme of financial revision.

Associated with the silver question, and more or less dependent upon it, are the questions of enlarging to a vast degree our public debt, and the restoration of our currency and certificates. Indeed, our whole currency system is in confusion, and this confusion can only be corrected by restoring bimetalism or by destroying existing currency and certificates. It is spread on all hands that we should keep our mints open to the free coinage of gold, and that there must be radical reform as to other elements of our currency. The necessity for reform arises from the fact that we have outstanding \$400,000,000 of greenback paper money, payable in coin (not gold only); some \$133,000,000 of coin certificates issued under the Sherman act of 1890, and some \$883,000,000 of silver certificates issued under the Bland-Allison act of 1878. In all, a body of \$866,000,000 of paper money—or half of all our existing circulation.

Unless we restore silver as a money of redemption we must retire this paper money; and if we retire it we must issue bonds to buy gold to pay it off in. Should we retire it, there will be such a vast contraction of our present currency that there will be a further and greater fall in prices of lands and commodities, a paralysis of trade, and probably another panic, greater than any we have yet seen. Agricultural mechanics, merchants, and banks would be involved in widespread ruin by such further contraction of the currency, and prosperous conditions indefinitely postponed.

It is easy to criticize and object. There are great impediments and difficulties to be encountered in any and all directions; but it must be realized that we are at the forks of the road, on this question, and that we must go one way or the other. Even the tentative steps towards the gold standard have so reduced our revenues that we have already borrowed \$302,000,000 of gold, without securing a cent of relief. More debts and more taxes are the only prospects on this line. Recognizing how difficult it is to move in any direction, but appreciating that move we must, I am of the opinion, that the most conservative and safe movement we can make would be to proceed according to the plan outlined in the national Democratic platform of 1892, which embodied the gold and silver coinage act, without discriminating against either metal, or charge for mintage, and the removal of the 10 per cent. destroying tax that shuts off State banks. This plan was unanimously endorsed in the Democratic convention; it had the approval of the people in the Presidential election, and had it been pursued I do not believe the Democratic party would have met such a disastrous defeat at the polls as that which followed its sudden turn-off from its own declarations and toward the gold standard.

It is quite evident that the people are in no mood to tolerate straddles or other devices that lead both ways. I believe the most courageous and direct course to be the safest course; and that the rule of the majority is the only rule which can tend toward harmony, and the integrity of organization.

The State votes as a unit for President, whether in the Electoral College or in Congress. Only the State is recognized in national conventions as a constituent body. If the Democratic people of Virginia are for free silver, it would seem but right and just that they should say so, as they did four years ago, and as they did in the State election, when Governor McKinley was nominated and elected. Certainly no man would wish to represent them otherwise than in accordance with their wishes; and, if they are for free silver, would it not be just to let them say so in accordance with the true principles of the Democratic party and of Republican government that their wishes should be respected?

Wishing you and your associates success, I am, Very truly yours, JOHN W. DANIEL.

The Wyanoke Sunk.

Newport News, Va., April 28.—Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning, the Old Dominion steamer Wyanoke, 3,200 tons, bound from Richmond to New York, collided with the United States cruiser Columbia which was anchored in the James river, opposite this city, and went to the bottom thirty minutes afterwards. Captain Jenney and crew of the Wyanoke, together with a number of passengers came ashore in row boats. Others were removed to the Columbia. Captain Jenney had just relieved the pilot when the collision occurred. There was no fog, but Captain Jenney says that the lights obscured the Columbia. There were 107 passengers on board, 30 of whom were in the cabin. The crew numbered 42. Captain Jenney, when seen by the Associated Press representative said that his vessel struck just forward of the starboard wheel with such force as to awaken all the passengers, among whom the wildest consternation at once prevailed. As far as he was ascertained at present there were no lives lost, but it is yet very probable that several stowage passengers who were down below at the time might have gone to the bottom. Burdette, the ship's papers and consequently could not state whether or not all the stowage passengers had been accounted for. The officers and crew of the Columbia handled the unfortunate ladies and gentlemen with the greatest care and made it as comfortable as possible for them while the work of rescue was going on. Three British couples were on board at the time who lost their entire wardrobes and whatever valuables they carried with them. Passengers are known to have lost large sums of money and jewelry, and at all times a full stock of Burdette Supplies, Black Cloth, White Velvet and Cloth, also Polished Coffins and Caskets. Trimmings and prices to suit all. White hearse for burial of young persons. Will meet boat or train at any point on the Eastern Shore on short notice.

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will take place there on May 6, 2 O'Clock, P. M.

Terms easy. See posters.

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FRED. I. SAVAGE, Prop'r.

NOTICE.

I will sell at Chincoteague, Va., on May 13th, 1896, at 3 o'clock, p. m.,

Sledge :- Hammer Prices, At Belinda, Virginia.

Men's dress pants, 65c. up to \$3.25. Men's suits from \$3.50 up. Men's straw hats from 85c. up. Ladies' fine shoes from 80c. up. Children's fine shoes from 25c. up. Calicoes from 31c. up. Ladies', misses' and children's fast black hose, 5c. A fine line of dress goods.

NEW :- GOODS

This is not a circumstance, our whole stock, which also consists of drugs, hardware, tobacco and cigars. Queensware, wood and willowware, confectioneries, shoes, hats, harness, notions, dry goods, ready-made clothing, groceries, millfeed, hay, furniture and stoves, stationery, &c., in fact everything usually kept in a country store, at prices corresponding with those above mentioned. Give us a call.

WALTER J. HALL & SON, Belinda, Va.

STOP AND THINK.

How do we live, to sell \$100 Buggies for \$80?

The time has gone by to sell \$100 Buggies. I have a full stock of light Buggies, Dayton's, Road and Farm Wagons at bottom prices, and at all times a full stock of Burdette Supplies, Black Cloth, White Velvet and Cloth, also Polished Coffins and Caskets. Trimmings and prices to suit all. White hearse for burial of young persons. Will meet boat or train at any point on the Eastern Shore on short notice.

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80 BUILDING LOTS

—AT—

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The above named sloop is in good repair and is well suited for our waters, as she is of light draught. She is also an extra good sailer and built of good white oak, and is only seven years old. Any one in need of such a boat will do well to attend the sale.

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Dealer in

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Fine Soaps, Perfumes, Patent Medicines, Combs, Brushes of all kinds, Flavoring Extracts, Syringes, Face Powders, Sponges, &c.

—AT LOWEST PRICES— Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night.

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Latest styles in Hats, Nice selection of Dry Goods, Correct style in Pants, Shoes of any size and quality.

Cash is King and means Cheap Goods.

Call at once and examine the bargains offered by the old firm of...

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New

Baltimore Firm.

Having withdrawn from the firm of Whiting & Waples Co., I have established the firm of

G. S. WAPLES & CO.

for the purpose of conducting the Willow Ware and Cordage business in all its branches. I have associated with me Mr. E. M. Healy, formerly with the above firm. We have located at

119 South Street,

where we will always be pleased to receive our friends and patrons.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuance of same, I am, Very truly,

C. S. WAPLES.

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—FOR—

Sale for \$2,500.

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The land is high and of a sandy soil and is well adapted for growing corn, wheat, and other crops. It is also well adapted for raising stock, and is a good pasture for marsh for stock. Two (2) tenement houses which rent out for fifty-five dollars per annum. Dwelling with five rooms and in good condition. Apply to

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which will please in both price and style, will be exhibited. The most fashionable millinery and the latest novelties in dry goods and trimmings just received from the city, can be secured at our establishment. You can get from us if you want it, a new and stylish hat or dress in the latest design and fabric.

Miss Bohm, the old and reliable trimmer, who has been in the city looking after the latest styles and costumes, is at the head of that department, and

Miss Kelly, who is at the head of the dressmaking, can give satisfaction to the most fastidious in her line. Come and see our stock, no trouble to show goods.

Thanking my friends for past favors, a continuance of the same is so lifted.

MRS. E. A. MERRILL, Onancock, Va.

Spring 1896.

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in quantity, variety, and at low prices. Our stock of

NOTIONS

is also an excellent one and merits the inspection of our patrons and will please them.

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continues also to receive our especial attention, and no pains is spared to merit patronage in that line. An early call by old and new customers respectfully solicited.

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—AND—

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Thanking the public for past patronage and soliciting their continuance. Very respectfully,

CLARA E. BAYLEY & SISTER, Keller Station, Va.

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is large and complete, embracing the latest and best manufactured up to date perfect fitting garments.

Good Values. Low Prices.

Don't fail to see his extensive line of

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at \$5, \$7 and \$10, they are new, neat and noble, and special bargains for spot cash only at the

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Special Bargains.

Do you want a new dress for Spring? If so, send to us, or what is much better, come to our store and let us show you our new and beautiful line of

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We carry everything usually kept in a first-class country store, and give a few items showing the low prices: Boys' suits 50c and up, ladies' fine shoes 75c to \$2.50, men's shoes \$1 to \$3.50.

We carry in addition to usual stock

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